

DULUTH AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, August 18, 2008 - 5:00 p.m.
Room 402 City Hall

Members Present: Joy Dorscher, Michele Gordon, Dr. Robert Powless, Warner Wirta, Ron Boshey, Anthony LaDeaux, Antoinette Dickenson, Donna Ennis, Beatrice Kitto

Excused Absent: Ricky DeFoe

Staff present: John Judd

Others present: See sign-in sheets. .

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Motion by Dr. Bob Powless, seconded by Joy Dorscher, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2008 MEETING:

Motion by Joy Dorscher, seconded by Dr. Bob Powless, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC FORUM / OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Brad Clifford is interested in having an information table at the Feast and Forum. Council agreed with this request. Sue Lawson from the St. Louis County Attorney's office would also like to have a table.

OLD BUSINESS:

Indian Center Project Update and Discussion –

Sherry Sanchez-Tibbets has been busy relocating individuals from the housing units of the YWCA. Will be sending out requests for contractors for the construction at the YWCA. Still has not purchased Trepanier. Sherry is waiting to hear back from the YWCA.

Next Steps Independent Civilian Review Board –

Dr. Bob said the police have been trying to speed up the process of having a CRB. Tony is trying to get Judge Luna to come to Duluth but she won't be available until November or December. Judge Luna is waiting for the police to respond to the outline that has been submitted. In addition, Judge Luna requires \$550 a day for her services. The City of Duluth is expected to pick up the cost. Also her expenses would need to be paid. Dr. Powless is suggesting a motion that, if needed, we would use up to \$1000 of DAIC monies for expenses. Dr. Bob withdrew his previous motion. Dr. Powless will approach the police with a plan to help out with some monies to speed the process up.

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders –

Carol Deverney was not present at the meeting.

Annual Feast and Forum, Logistics and Agenda -

Dr. Bob made a motion that we use \$500 of DAIC money for a caterer. Warner seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spirit Mountain Board will be at the September meeting. Warner asked that we be sure to ask good questions.

Ricky's wife passed away recently and the Commission would like to do something to honor her. Tony will check with Ricky to find out what he would like us to do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Joy Dorscher: Glad that we are using a caterer for the Feast. New Native American med students will be starting soon. She is pleased with the large number of Native students.
- Michele Gordon: Her heart goes out to Ricky and Lea and their families. There are lessons to be learned in all of the young people that are dying.
- Dr. Bob Powless: Anti-racism Coalition had a booth at the event of the Tall Ships exhibition. People were very receptive to the cause.
- Warner Wirta: He went to the replica of Columbus' ship a couple of years ago. He doesn't understand why dominant culture doesn't recognize the pain these things cause us. Warner had a good time at Finn Fest.
- Bea Kitto: She hopes the Mayor stays longer this time.
- Ron Boshey: He hopes the Feast and Forum goes well.
- Tony LaDeaux: The night before Leah died she had a powerful dream and went to the Sun Dance.
- Toni Dickenson: She wants to do whatever she can to help the Commission out as is her boss Wes Martin.
- Donna Ennis: Donna saw that suspects were charged in the attack on Wilbur Williams.

NEXT MEETING/DATE/LOCATION: September 15, 2008 at 5:00.
Room 402: City Hall

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10.